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TAGS: OREP (GILMORE, RICHARD)

SUBJ: STAFFDEL GILMORE

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED GILMORE'S VISIT WITH USA DIVISION OF MFA AND PROTOCOL DIVISION OF MFT AND EXPLAINED THAT SENATOR CLARK AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAVE REQUESTED THAT GILMORE CARRY OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF SENATOR'S REQUESTED PROGRAM. BOTH OFFICES PROMISED THEY WOULD ASSIST EMBASSY IN PUTTING TOGETHER USEFUL SCHEDULE FOR GILMORE BUT NOTED THAT IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT GIMORE WOULD NOT BE RECEIVED AT THE LEVEL PLANNED FOR SENATOR CLARK. EMBASSY ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DISPEL THEIR CONCERN THAT GILMORE VISIT WAS MERELY A DRY RUN FOR FUTURE VISIT BY SENATOR. IT IS CLEAR FROM RESPONSES THAT CURRENT REQUEST TO REINSTATE PROGRAM, ON HEELS OF INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF SENATOR'S TRIP, HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION ON SOVIET SIDE.

2. INITIAL EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH SOVIET MINISTRIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PRODUCED FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS:

A) USA-CANADA INSTITUTE - SHERSHNEV WILL MEET WITH GILMORE AT DATE AND TIME TO BE SET LATER;

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B) STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS -
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KULIEV WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE GILMORE;

C) CEMA SECRETARIAT - DECLINED TO RECEIVE GILMORE WITHOUT
AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IN ADVANCE WRITTEN QUESTIONS HE
WISHES TO POSE;

D) MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE, AGRICULTURE,
MERCHANT MARIEN AND PROCUREMENT HAVE ALL INDICATED THAT APPOINT-
MENT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR GILMORE BUT DID NOT OFFER AT THIS
TIME NAME OF RECEIVING OFFICIALS(S);

E) NO RESPONSES YET FROM EXPORTKHLEB, GOSPLAN, IMEMO AND
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BUT WE EXPECT THAT
ALL WILL GIVE FAVORABLE REPLY.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT MINMERCHANT MARINE WILLING
TO REINSTATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ODESSA VISIT FOR GILMORE, WE
SUGGEST DEPARTMENT QUERY GILMORE ON WHETHER HE WISHES TO MAKE
THIS TRIP IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO HIM
IN ODESSA. AS ALTERNATIVE, GILMORE COULD SPEND SATURDAY IN
LENINGRAD, WHERE HE WILL OTHERWISE HAVE LESS THAN FULL DAY.
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GILMORE'S REACTION THIS SUGGESTION.

4. LENINGRAD ATTEMPTING TO RESCHEDULE PORT VISIT FOR FOLLOWING
SUNDAY MORNING (NOVEMBER 30) AND ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTY.
CONSULATE WILL CONFIRM DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT WHEN VISIT FIRM.
(IF FILMORE DECIDES TO SPEND SATURDAY IN LENINGRAD, IN PLACE
OF ODESSA, PORT VISIT WILL NONETHELESS BE HELD FOR SUNDAY
MORNING.)

5. GILMORE IS INVITED TO THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SPASO HOUSE,
DURING WHICH HE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE
APPROXIMATELY THIRTY AMERICAN RESEARCHERS AND YOUNG PROFESSORS
STUDYING IN MOSCOW UNDER IREX PROGRAM. EMBASSY ASSUMES THIS
WILL SATISFY REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH IREX EXCHANGEES.

6. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED TICKETS FOR TUESDAY EVENING
(NOVEMBER 25) PERFORMANCE OF BALLET GISELLE AT BOLSHOI.
PLEASE ADVISE IF GILMORE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO RESERVE TICKET
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FOR SOME EVENT (OLD CIRCUS?) ON MONDAY EVENING OR IF HE
PREFERS TO LEAVE IT FREE. (LATE ARRIVAL SUNDAY PRECLUDES
ATTENDANCE ANY PERFORMANCE.)

7. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE BRIEFING MONDAY MORNING.

8. CONTROL OFFICER IF FSO-4 (COMMERCIAL OFFICE) SAM
FROMOWITZ.

9. IN ORDER TO ASSIST EMBASSY IN RESPONDING TO QUESTION ABOUT GILMORE FROM SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SHORT BIO SKETCH. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE FURTHER DETAILS ON GILMORE'S INTERESTS AT MEETINGS WITH ABOVE LISTED ORGANIZATIONS. WITH REGARD TO IMEMO AND USA-CANADA INSTITUTE VISITS, DOES GILMORE STILL HOPE TO HAVE ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS? IF GILMORE WISHES EMBASSY TO TRY AGAIN WITH CEMA SECRETARIAT, PLEASE SUPPLY SOONEST LIST OF QUESTIONS HE INTENDS TO RAISE.

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